CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2016

REGULAR SESSION

Darlene Breckenridge	P
Dennis M. Clark	P
Jerri Ann Eddins	P
John R. Feighert	P
Ronnie Jack	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 18th day of April 2016, at six o'clock p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Jerri Ann Eddins asked members of the Boy Scouts of America to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Jerri Ann Eddins presided with the following Councilmembers present: Darlene Breckenridge, Dennis M. Clark, John R. Feighert and Ronnie Jack. Absent: none.

Present were City Manager Mark Gaugh, Attorney for the City Troy Dietrich and City Clerk/Finance Clerk Barbara J. O'Connor.

Minutes of the April 4, 2016 Regular Council Session and the April 11, 2016 Special Session were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Feighert.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Arbor Day Proclamation. Mayor Eddins read a proclamation declaring April 29, 2016 as Arbor Day in Cameron. The kindergarten class at Parkview Elementary School will plant Redmond Linden tree in Recreation Park to memorialize the day. The tree was donated by Moffet Nursey, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Quinten Lovejoy, 807 Rosewood Lane, asked if the joint work session between Council and the Economic Development of Cameron (EDOC) Committee has been scheduled. City Manager Gaugh said the session is planned for April 26, 2016 in the training room in the lower level of City Hall. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY PROJECT REPORT

None.

MUNICIPAL POOL/BALL FIELD STATUS

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Employee Recognitions.
    - Mike O'Donnell, Cameron Fire Department Chief, was recognized for 30 years of service on the Cameron Fire Department at an event held on April 6, 2016.
    - Joe Whitaker, Water Treatment Plant Operator, received the Operator of the Year award at the annual meeting of the Northwest Section of the Missouri Water and Wastewater Conference.
    - A mechanical failure at one of the wastewater lift stations required continued work to keep a high flow of sewage from entering the environment. John Carroll, Water/Sewer Distribution Superintendent, and five (5) other Staff members, along with Alliance employees, worked 27 hours straight in order to get the station operational.
    - Chief of Police Rick Bashor and some of his Staff took on the painting and assisted with cabinet and flooring work after the renovation work of Ameresco was completed.
    - April 11, 2016 was Lineman Appreciation Day for electric line workers.
2. Start Smart Initiative Grant. St. Joseph area Community Action Partnership representatives were shown three (3) potential locations in Cameron for a head-start program. This is a competitive grant and each project could be awarded up to $1,000,000 in funding.
3. Street Projects. Pre-construction meetings were held for two (2) major projects last week. The projects are scheduled to begin April 18, 2016 for the Lathrop Street area project; and, April 25, 2016 for the Walnut Street pedestrian access project.
4. Old School Committee. Cost estimates have been submitted for the parking lot at the Old School which includes partial replacement. The cost appears to be beyond the capacity of any one (1) entity to fund.
5. Drainage Channel Behind Kemper Motors. Staff has requested pricing for rip rap rock for the drainage area. Public Works Director Drew Bontrager contacted Bill Kemper after the last Council Session to discuss the drainage issues.
6. Animal Shelter Status Update. A work session will be scheduled to discuss the Shelter.
7. Mural Project. Work on the mural could begin as early as April 25, 2016.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6:10 p.m. Councilmember Clark recused himself citing a potential conflict of interest, noting his wife is the Conductor of the Cameron Municipal Band.

Bill 2016-15, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CAMERON MUNICIPAL BAND**, was read by title on second reading by City

Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2016-15 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Feighert to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. City Manager Gaugh reviewed the date changes requested by the Band and reaffirmed the contract price of $97,475 for the 2016 Concert Season. Bill 2016-15 passed on second reading with a voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Clark

Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Breckenridge to pass said bill on third reading. Discussion. No additional information was presented. Bill 2016-15 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Eddins, Feighert and Jack. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmember Clark. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5928**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk/Finance Clerk.

6:15 p.m. Councilmember Clark returned to the Council Chamber.

Bill 2016-17, **ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI ESTABLISHING DIVISION 9. LEAD BAN CONTROLS, ARTICLE II. WATER, CHAPTER 12 WATER, SEWAGE AND ELECTRICITY IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DRINKING WATER**, was read by title on second reading by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2016-17 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. Bill 2016-17 passed on second reading with a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2016-20, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI REPEALING THE CURRENT ELECTRIC RATES AND ESTABLISHING NEW ELECTRIC RATES FOR CONSUMERS OF THE CAMERON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**, was read by title by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2016-20 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Utility Director Zac Johnson informed Council Platte-Clay Electric Cooperative has notified the City the electric rate will increase minimally in May. This is the first increase in two (2) years that will be passed on to the consumer. The rate adjustment will impact the average user by an additional $1.49 per month. The consumer rate increase is necessary to maintain a healthy reserve balance for the Electric Department. Future needs for the Electric Department include an electrical substation and relocation of underground lines located in contaminated ground at the Sukup facility. Also, if there is a severe storm the reserve needs to be healthy to recover from potential storm damages that possibly could occur. Staff recommends approval. Bill 2016-20 passed on first reading only with a unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2016-21, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMERON ACCOUNTING STAFF TO WRITE-OFF UNCOLLECTIBLE UTILITY ACCOUNTS FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DEKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI,** was read by title by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2016-21 were

available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Staff explained that all efforts to collect these accounts have been exhausted and this process will help to clean up the utility accounts. It was also noted that after the accounts are delinquent for three months, in house collection efforts are utilized in an effort to collect these accounts. Every effort is made to collect delinquent fees if a customer re-applies for utilities at a later date. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Jack to suspend the rules and place said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Clark said bill was placed on second reading, was read by title and passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Eddins, Feighert and Jack. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5929**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk/Finance Clerk.

Resolution 2016-11, **A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI ACCEPTING THE CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATION OF RECORDS DESTROYED**, was read by title by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Resolution 2016-11 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass Resolution 2016-11. Discussion. City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor explained this simply certifies that the records Council approved for destruction with Resolution 2016-4 at the March 17, 2016 Regular Session were indeed destroyed by shredding and establishes a permanent list of the destroyed records. Resolution 2016-11 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2016-12, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH KAREN MALLEN FOR DANGEROUS PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 907 WEST THIRD STREET AND 205 NORTH GODFREY STREET**, was read by title by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Resolution 2016-12 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass Resolution 2016-12. Discussion. City Manager Gaugh informed Council that two (2) properties owned by the late David Mallen have been abandoned and are classified as dangerous. The City has placed mowing liens on the properties over the last several years. The best remedy to recover City expenses is to acquire the properties, demolish the structures and sell the lots to recover as much of our cost as possible. Resolution 2016-12 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

City Clerk O'Connor presented a certified list of delinquent taxes as of April 1, 2016 for Council review. The annual abatement list for personal property deemed uncollectible was also presented for Council review and approval. Councilmember Clark moved to accept the certified list, to publish the list of delinquent taxes and to approve the abatement of personal property taxes as presented. Councilmember Feighert seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Annual Liquor License Approval. Councilmember Breckenridge moved to approve the list of liquor license renewal applications presented to Council by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Councilmember Feighert seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilmember Breckenridge:

- Commented on how nice the newly painted fire hydrants around the City look. A group of citizens asked permission to paint the hydrants and individuals are being very creative with their work.

There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Feighert, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Jerri Ann Eddins

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Finance Clerk